

people are seriously considering what they're doing here this morning because this is a big change. I hope you're reading the materials that you got with 511, discussing the differences between manufactured homes, modular homes. I know what a manufactured home is. I lived in one for five years. They are a very nice home and they do serve a good purpose for offering low...low cost housing. This was in a mobile home park and in that setting I think they're a great way to save money before you can afford a house or while you're trying to save money to buy a house. But we're not talking about putting manufactured houses into mobile home parks. We're talking about putting manufactured houses into neighborhoods. That's a big change, a big zoning change. I'm not sure that this is a change that should be done here in the Legislature. I would prefer to leave these decisions at the local level where they are now instead of bringing it into the Legislature, and if they can't get it done at the local level, come to the Legislature. That seems to be the case with a lot of these bills that we're getting lately. You have to read through not just the specs on what the differences are on these houses but you should take the time to go out and see what we're talking about. I know Senator McKernzie made some talk and Senator Hall about these are not mobile homes. No, they are no longer mobile homes. Many times they transport them to a site, they remove the axles and the tires from underneath. They can put them on a permanent foundation or they can skirt them, and they are not mobile homes. A lot of cases this was changed because they used to tax these under Department of Motor Vehicles like they taxed a car in a lot of states, and then they changed that so that they could tax it like a home and then at that time also they changed the definition. It is still a manufactured house, it's still what you're thinking of and what you're talking of. There are a lot of nice homes out there but this isn't the modular home that you're talking about that comes in piece by piece and is stick built and can be put together. This can still be the manufactured house that you might, you know, see in a mobile home park or a manufactured house park or whatever you want to call it. And to put those into someone's neighborhood, I don't think it should be an issue if it's a 300,000 dollar neighborhood or a 10,000 dollar neighborhood, you're still asking...you know, those people have pride in home ownership and, you know, so, to me, that isn't the issue. The house is still a nice house that could go in either one of those neighborhoods, if that's what you're doing...if you want to do here. So I hope you're considering what the issues are here.